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Jackson Family House (Site)

Blocktown community, Boyds vicinity

Private

1890-1908

This two story frame house was similar in construction and plan to other frame houses of Black landowners of moderate means in Montgomery County. Attached to the rear length was an earlier two story log dwelling. Around the house were the typical outbuildings and work places: chicken house, meat house, privy, hog pen, wood pile, and garden plots. Descendants of the Jackson family still own the property and have built a new ranch style house on the land.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jackson Family House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

☒ VICINITY OF Blocktown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

No

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Riley and Dorothy Curtis

Telephone #: 972-0435

STREET & NUMBER

20811 Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1836

Folio #: 67

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is no longer standing, but it is recalled by Dorothy Luckett Curtis, the granddaughter of the former owners and residents of the house.

Dorothy Curtis remembers that this house basically resembled the house of William Moore in Jerusalem, a xerox of which is included in this survey report. It stood two stories in height, and its frame was sheathed with weatherboards. The roof line was accented by a cross gable pediment. The house consisted of two sections: the principal block in front, and a smaller two story log section attached to the rear length.

The front block consisted of two rooms down and two up. Each room had a door leading into it in the facade. Next to the door was a window, making a four bay facade. The double hung sashes held two over two panes. Across the facade was a shed porch. The log block consisted of one room down and one up, the downstairs rooms serving as kitchen. The log block was whitewashed instead of painted. Through the center of the main block was built a brick stove flue with a stove in the downstairs, and the upstairs was unheated.

Around the house were the typical outbuildings and work places: chicken house, meat house, privy, hog pen, and garden plots.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1890-1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was probably built near the turn of the 20th century by Jackson owners or owners previous to the Jackson family according to the deed, 196/486, Mary Florence Bell Jackson (wife of Daniel Thomas Jackson) purchased this tract of 2 acres ^{and} 2 roods for \$1,000 in 1908. This large sum indicates that there was a substantial house on the property, and her descendants do not recall stories of her building a new house. The Watts purchased the land in 1903 from Elizabeth and Oden Lusby (deed 176/72), and it is likely that either of these two families had the house built.

The deed 196/486 states that the property was adjacent to the land owned by George Kuster, a white person, according to Dorothy Curtis. The significance of this is that Blocktown was not therefore an all-black community like Sugarland or Jonesville. Instead, whites and blacks apparently lived interspersed among one another on land they owned.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Dorothy Curtis, by George McDaniel, not taped. Boyds, Maryland, March and April, 1979.
Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

4/79

TELEPHONE

926-4510

STATE

Maryland 20753

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